(d) whether any demand has been made by any organization for a survey and study of some sections of the river Godavari; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. The National River Conservation Plan includes the projects such as Interception and Diversion of the municipal sewage falling into the river, Sewage Treatment Plants for the towns of Bhadrachalam, Mancherial, Ramagundam and Rajamundry in the stretch of river Godavari.

(b) and (c) According to the Central Water Commission, the bank and bed erosion of the river is not likely to have any bearing on the environmental flow since this is localized phenomenon occurring during flood. However, the effluents affect the river water quality. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board is monitoring the river Godavari on monthly basis at 16 stations under Godavari Action Plan since 1999.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Melghat Tiger Reserve

1247. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Melghat Tiger Reserve, notified at the time of conception of the Project Tiger Scheme in 1974, is facing serious problems relating to resettlement of 19 villages, out of a total of 22 situated in the sanctuary are awaiting for resettlement packages since 2001-02;

(b) if so, whether the funds were allocated for implementation of this scheme and were properly utilised, if not, whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(c) whether the buffer area of about 7.88 sq. meter and remaining 532 sq. meter area is being managed as a 'multiple used area'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT **AND** FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Out of a total of 22 villages situated in the sanctuary portion (788.75 sq. km.) of Melghat Tiger Reserve, 3 villages have already been relocated. An amount of Rs. 63.00 lakhs has been provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to the State for relocation of 3 more villages from the remaining 19 villages. The recent amendments to Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in 2006 provides for the relocation process, to benefit the people being relocated as well as to maintain inviolate areas for wild animals.

(b) The expenditure details regarding proper utilization of fund earmarked for the scheme, as received from the State is at Statement (See below).

(c) An area of 526.92 sq.km. of the tiger reserve is being managed as multiple used area.

Statement

Expenditure details and proper Utilization under Project Tiger Scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve	*Release 2004-05	*Utilization 2004-05 (as on (Dec. 2006)	*Release 2005-06	*Utilization 2005-06	*Release 2006-07	*Utilization 2006-07
1.	Melghat	93.183	132.49	165.00	248.13	134.51	109.47

* Includes Central Assistance provided to the State for village relocation, apart from other works as approved in the Annual Plan of Operation.

"Includes utilization for Central as well as State's allocation under the scheme

Head office of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

1248. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that within a radius of 250 kilometre from Nagpur, there are six tiger reserves, thus obviously it becomes the tiger capital of the world;